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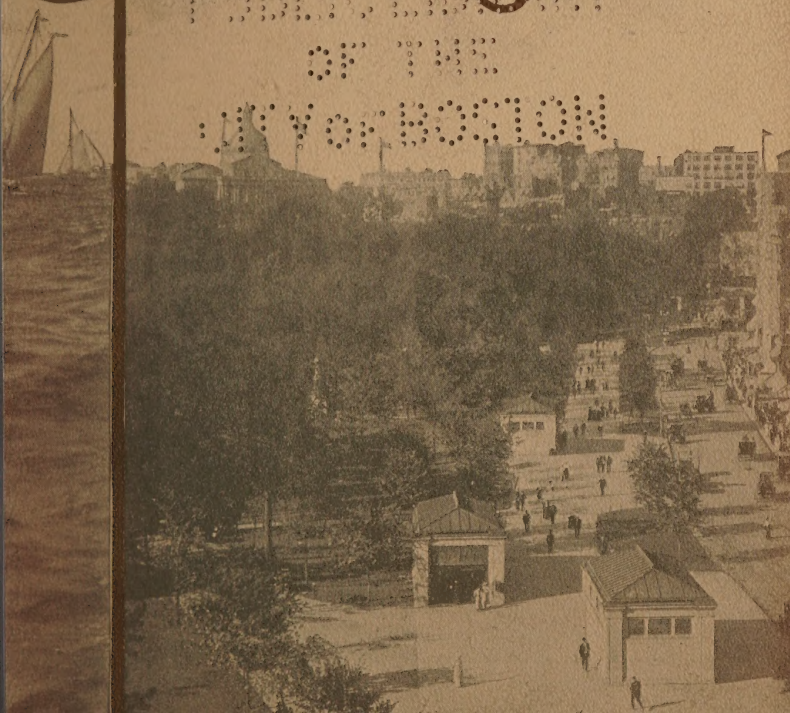
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*The Boston Chamber
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cordially invites
you to hold your
next convention
in Boston.*



BOSTON AS A CONVENTION CITY



THIS booklet brings to you a hint of New England hospitality — simply a foretaste of the cordiality with which you will be received if you decide to hold your next convention in Boston. You are most earnestly invited to consider the advantages which Boston offers for your meeting.

Although you, yourself, undoubtedly have visited Boston—nearly every one has—and although Boston is already renowned as the ideal convention and recreation city of the East, it may be well just now to recall to your mind the features which have made Boston famous as a rendezvous.

When an organization decides where to meet, it does so after considering each available city, to see:—

First, what reception will be given the delegates;

Second, what accommodations are offered;

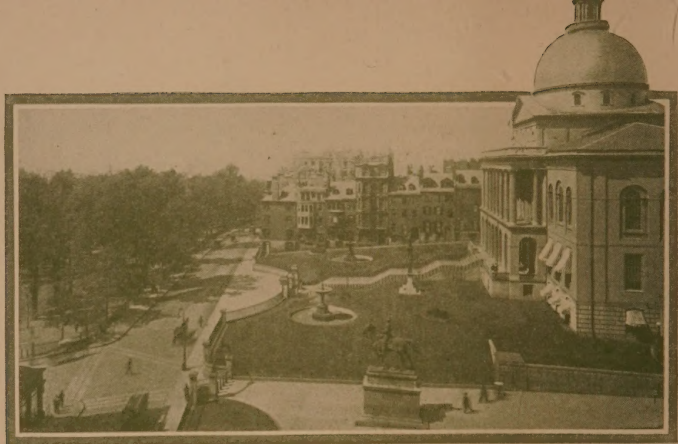
Third, what interest the city itself will have for the delegates, aside from the convention.



THE SOUTH UNION STATION

THE RECEPTION OFFERED

Your first question naturally is "How enthusiastic are the local members of our own organization, what will they do to make our meeting a success?" But beyond that, you want to know how the city itself will welcome you, whether you will be guests or intruders, whether the press will take note of your presence, whether after you are gone any impression of your visit will be retained by the community. Boston can promise you a most cordial reception. You may not be slapped on the back, nor called by your first name, but you will be made at home. State and city officials and leading business men will be glad to meet you,



THE STATE HOUSE FRONT AND BEACON STREET

and to speak at your sessions if you desire. The newspapers will report your proceedings interestingly; and the Chamber of Commerce hereby extends to you a most hearty invitation to visit its rooms and get acquainted.

As for the enthusiasm of your Boston members and the entertainment which they offer you, you need have no hesitation. And let this be said,—that Boston is recognized throughout the country as the great organization center. Probably more national organizations have been formed here, or have their headquarters here, than in any other American city. The Chamber of Commerce is the largest commercial body in the country, and the spirit of getting together and staying together is alive throughout New England,



THE COMMON

of which Boston is the metropolis. This enthusiasm is shared by your Boston members. Ask them.

If Boston does not know how to conduct and entertain a convention, then no city does. The truth of this has appealed to such great organizations as the National Educational Association, the Associated Advertising Clubs of America, the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce, the National Conference of Charities and Correction, and hundreds of others, who have recently met or soon will meet in Boston.



FANEUIL HALL, THE "CRADLE OF LIBERTY"

ACCOMMODATIONS

You want good hotels at moderate cost, good restaurants, a pleasant hall of proper size for your meetings, and the assurance that you can go back and forth without losing time. In these respects Boston is unexcelled. Being one of the largest cities in the world, being a terminal city for European and for western travel, and being the gateway to the great vacation regions of the seashore and of the White Mountains to the north, Boston has a large number of hotels of the highest class with various capacities and



IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

charging various rates. There are also distributed throughout the city many fine restaurants.

The city is rich in convention halls, ranging from the great Mechanics Building with its capacity of over 7000, the Boston Arena with a capacity of 4000, Symphony Hall with a capacity of 2500, through a wide variety of buildings and halls of different sizes and in different locations, down to small, attractive rooms in hotels or private buildings.



COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

You may obtain a hall in the business district if it is more convenient for you to be down town. If you wish to be near the attractions of the Back Bay, there are both halls and hotels within easy striking distance of one another.

Wherever you meet and wherever you take your rooms, you will find that the whole city is bound together by a network of street railways which makes it a simple matter to get from one place to another quickly and comfortably. Although a large city, Boston is marvelously compact without being overcrowded.

Rapid transit is accomplished by the three modern methods—subway, elevated railroad and surface car.



A SUBWAY STATION

There are three underground railways radiating from the center of the city, one to the Back Bay, another under Washington Street to the South End, and the third under the harbor to East Boston. Others under construction, or planned, will extend to Cambridge, Brookline and Dorchester.

The elevated railway surrounds the business district and extends into the suburbs, and the surface lines offer convenient conveyance over short distances. Swift, comfortable interurban cars run to the beautiful pleasure parks outside the city and to neighboring towns.



COPLEY

ington Elm; the scene of the Boston Massacre; the spot where Lief Ericson built his house in the year 1001, and so on and so following.

In the field of the arts, Boston has always held a commanding position. Within its metropolitan limits are Harvard University, the greatest American university, and the Harvard law and medical schools, which are among the best in the world; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the famous engineering school;



THE HARVARD



JARE

Simmons College, Radcliffe College, Tufts College, Boston University, Boston College, the New England Conservatory of Music. It has one of the finest public libraries in the country and one of the finest art museums in the world. It is the headquarters of a noted group of American artists, and has many literary traditions, having been the home of the great circle of American authors in the nineteenth century which included Emerson, Poe, Hawthorne, Longfellow,

STADIUM





OPERA HOUSE

Holmes and others. Boston not only has a number of theatres to which come all the most famous attractions of the stage, but it has an opera house unexcelled, and the finest public orchestra of the country, giving concerts throughout the winter.

Every day during the spring and summer, one or the other of two major league ball teams offers professional baseball. In the fall, intercollegiate football on the fields of Harvard University, Tufts and numerous important schools attract the sport-lover, while a little later in the year championship hockey



LAUNCHING THE "NORTH DAKOTA" AT FORE RIVER

games are played in the immense Boston Arena. Winter carnivals, aviation meets, track meets, both outdoor and indoor, canoeing, boating, skating, combine to offer a variety of sport to the visitor.

The commercial points of interest are many. At Fore River, near by, is one of the great shipbuilding works of the country, where now is being constructed a huge battle-ship for the Argentine Republic, and where many important vessels are constantly building. In Charlestown is the United States Navy Yard,—in East Boston the piers where great ocean liners depart for Europe and the elevators through which the grain for their cargoes passes. On the main



ELEVATED RAILWAY STATION

water-front of the city is quaint T Wharf, for twenty-five years the headquarters of the fresh fish industry of the United States, with its swarm of staunch little schooners that ply their dangerous trade on the Banks, and bring into the very heart of the city the flavor and romance of the sea.

Lynn, a few miles north, with its long lines of busy factories, and Brockton to the south, are the greatest shoe cities in the world, and Lawrence and Lowell, only a few miles farther, line the Merrimac River with the greatest textile mills in the country. Scattered here and there throughout the suburbs of the city are many other important industries which it is a part of a man's education to see.



CHARLESMERE

Surrounding the city of Boston is the most attractive park system in the United States, bordering the ocean on the north and south of the city, and with wide boulevards curving inland to join the rustic Middlesex Fells, the Blue Hills reservation, and other great pleasure tracts. Just back of Beacon Hill lies "Charlesmere," one of the finest fresh water basins in the world, along either shore of which stretches a broad embankment which affords a cool promenade. In the center of the city are the famous Boston Common and Public Garden. Radiating in all directions is a notable system of highways, offering



IN THE PUBLIC GARDEN

opportunities for delightful automobile trips and drives into the rural districts which, although Boston is a metropolitan city of a million and a half people, lie within easy striking distance.

Along the shore just north and south of the city are unexcelled beaches which may be reached by a five cent fare from the city, and at Nantasket and Revere are public bath houses, open all summer long. Invigorating ocean trips by steamer or sailing vessel may be made, as long or as short as you wish, while the deep sea fishing directly off shore tempts many a visitor.

Any of these places of entertainment or points of interest may be visited by the delegates to a convention in a few hours or, at the most, half a day, between sessions of his organization.



REVERE BEACH

But after the convention is over, what? Suppose you wish to extend your vacation by a little trip to the mountains, to the country, or to some quiet seashore retreat—unless Boston itself shall have so fascinated you during your short visit that you wish to stay longer—which is very likely to happen. You will find that you can turn either west, north or south, and within a few hours be in the very midst of a most delightful vacation region. Boston is the clearing house for the vacation business of the United States.

Notably is Boston the gateway to the White Mountains, which are not only the “playground of America” in summer, but are forging to the front as rivals of the cold-weather winter resorts of Switzerland. On the heights of the Presidential Range are



INTERIOR OF KING'S CHAPEL

some of the most magnificent hotels dedicated to the comfort of vacationists that the nation can boast.

Farther down, in the foothills, or in the rolling green Berkshires in western Massachusetts, are resorts only less famous. On the coast to the north of Boston lies the famed North Shore, which has now eclipsed even Bar Harbor and Newport, and upon which the President of the United States has set his seal of approval by making it his summer capital, and where the members of his cabinet and diplomats from foreign nations have summer homes. Beyond, lies Maine with its islands and beaches, its millions of acres of



CRADOCK HOUSE, MEDFORD, 1634

forest lands, and its thousands of lakes and streams, the haunts of American sportsmen. South of Boston are the beautiful beaches of the South Shore, quaint old Cape Cod and Nantucket, Buzzards Bay, and brilliant Newport.

Fortunate the man whose convention takes him to Boston, because every kind of entertainment that the heart can desire is within his reach.



BATTLE SHIPS AT THE NAVY YARD

BUSINESS BOSTON

Also, if he is a business man, and his time permit, there is industrial Boston to inspect. It is one of the largest industrial districts of the country; in fact, it ranks fourth, and is growing faster than any of the other large districts except New York. In or near Boston are the principal shoe and shoe machinery centers of the world; the leading textile, chocolate, and other industries of the United States; the largest watch factory and the largest confectionery factory in the world; while in rubber, shipbuilding, preserving



ON THE NORTH SHORE™

fish, clothing manufacture, publishing and other industries it holds high rank.

It is the second richest trade center in the Western Hemisphere. It is the largest market for hides and leather, and the second greatest fresh fish market in the world, and the greatest wool market in the United States. It is one of the financial centers of the country, and has the greatest per capita wealth of any American city. One-thirteenth of the bank clearings of the country are made in Boston, and one-fifth of the savings of the American people are in the savings



BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BUILDING

banks of the State of Massachusetts.

Boston ranks as a world port, being second only to New York in the United States. It is one of the chief points for the exportation of grain. The city is 180 miles nearer Europe

than any other port in the United States. It has 40 miles of water-front, the largest inner harbor on the Atlantic Coast, and a 35-foot channel from the city docks to the sea.

TO SUM UP

Boston is a big city, a beautiful city, a cordial city, an instructive city, an important city, one you ought to see and know. It is all that the foregoing pages describe, and more.



THE KEYS OF THE CITY ARE YOURS

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